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CASUALTY MESSAGE

E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: CDES NO (LEKANDER, HARRY)  
SUBJECT: DEATH OF AN AMERICAN CITIZEN AT LAERDAL, NORWAY

FOR: MS. KAREN LEKANDER  
111 NORTH HARVARD AVE.  
VENTNOR, NEW JERSEY

AND  
FOR: MR. WILLIAM SETTERMAN  
EXPLORER LANE  
LYNWOOD, N.J.  
TELEPHONE NO: 609 9275491

1. MESSAGE FOR KAREN LEKANDER: YOUR MOTHER,  
RITA LEKANDER HAS SUFFERED FACE AND HEAD INJURIES. THE EMBASSY HAS  
BEEN INFORMED THAT SHE IS TALKING NORMALLY.

2. IT IS WITH PROFOUND REGRET THAT I MUST INFORM YOU OF THE DEATH  
OF YOUR FATHER, MR. HARRY LEKANDER, AT LAERDAL, NORWAY, ON MAY 24,  
1978.

3. REGRETFULLY, I MUST DRAW YOUR ATTENTION TO THE NEED TO MAKE  
URGENT ARRANGEMENTS REGARDING LOCAL BURIAL OR SHIPMENT OF THE REMAINS

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WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW AS SOON AS POSSIBLE WHETHER OR NOT YOU WISH TO  
HAVE YOUR FATHER'S REMAINS RETURNED TO THE UNITED STATES. IF  
SO, PREPARATION AND AIR SHIPMENT TO U.S. WOULD COST  
\$3.500. IF LOCAL BURIAL IS DESIRED, THE COST IS \$750.  
ALL OF THESE COSTS ARE APPROXIMATE.

4. IT IS NECESSARY THAT ARRANGEMENTS FOR DISPOSITION OF

THE REMAINS BE MADE PROMPTLY.

5. AFTER YOU HAVE MADE YOUR DECISION, PLEASE TAKE THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS: (A) TELEGRAPH INSTRUCTIONS PROMPTLY AND DIRECTLY TO AMERICAN EMBASSY, OSLO, NORWAY AND INCLUDE THE NAME OF THE DECEASED IN YOUR MESSAGE. STATE WHETHER REQUIRED FUNDS ARE BEING TELEGRAPHED AND BY WHAT MEANS. INCLUDE NAME AND ADDRESS OF U.S. FUNERAL HOME YOU SELECT IF SHIPMENT DESIRED. (B) TELEGRAPH REQUIRED FUNDS SEPARATELY AND PROMPTLY THROUGH AMERICAN EXPRESS, NEW YORK TO DEN NORSKE CREDITBANK, OSLO, PAYABLE TO THE AMERICAN EMBASSY, OSLO, NORWAY. (C) IF YOU ARE HAVING THE REMAINS SHIPPED TO THE U.S., YOU MAY WISH TO HAVE THE U.S. FUNERAL HOME YOU SELECT MAKE THESE ARRANGEMENTS FOR YOU.

6. UPON RECEIPT OF THE REQUIRED FUNDS YOUR INSTRUCTIONS WILL BE CARRIED OUT AS PROMPTLY AS CIRCUMSTANCES PERMIT. WE ESTIMATE APPROXIMATELY 5-7 DAYS WILL BE REQUIRED FOLLOWING RECEIPT OF FUNDS TO CARRY OUT YOUR INSTRUCTIONS IF REMAINS ARE TO BE SHIPPED. UPON COMPLETION OF ALL FORMALITIES, A FOREIGN SERVICE REPORT OF DEATH PREPARED BY THIS OFFICE WILL BE FORWARDED TO YOU.

7. LOCAL AUTHORITIES REQUIRE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IF YOUR DECISION IS FOR CREMATION OF THE REMAINS: THE DECEASED PERSON'S RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION.

8. IF NECESSARY, YOU MAY CONTACT THE CONSULAR SECTION OF THIS  
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9. BE ASSURED OF MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY IN YOUR BEREAVEMENT.  
AMEMBASSY  
OSLO, NORWAY  
LERNER

NOTE BY OC/T; PASSED ABOVE ADDEE.

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